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A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

Mrs. Joanne Dixon, of Washington, has an imposing list of successful predictions to her credit. The real estate executive, of Washington, D. C., has aroused worldwide interest by her successful flashes of intuition.

As 1957 begins, it is interesting to note some of Mrs. Dixon's latest predictions. Among other things, she believes that Germany will become a monarchy again, and that a strong third party will come about in the United States.

In addition, she says the Russian satellites will achieve freedom and that the United States will have more trouble with Red China than with any other country. And, looking at the domestic political scene, she believes that Vice-President Richard Nixon is the man of destiny in the United States.

It will take some years to determine the accuracy of Mrs. Dixon's latest predictions. At least she is willing to go out on a limb and put her prophesying powers on the line.

To her credit, in the past, are successful predictions as to the 1948 election, a premonition that Carole Lombard would be killed if she boarded the plane on her last and fatal trip, a premonition of a heart attack a business associate would have, the premonition of a plane crash concerning the plane her husband was about to board, which crashed, a premonition about the rise of Russia's Premier Bulganin, and foreseeing a letter which arrived days after she had had a vision of it, and naming the exact score of a golf match between President Eisenhower and Bob Hope.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

President Eisenhower, who has been working on major speeches in recent weeks, is about to deliver three messages. The first will come today, January 10, when the President will deliver the annual Presidential State-of-the-Union speech to a joint session of Congress.

The second, an outline of the budget for fiscal 1958 (which includes the twelve months from July, 1957, through June of 1958) will not be made in person but will be sent to Congress in the latter part of January.

Shortly afterward, the third major speech, an economic report to the Congress, will also be sent to Capitol Hill. These major speeches do not, of course, include the President's short address upon the occasion of his second inauguration, which will occur on January 21st. The Inauguration Address is expected to last about twenty minutes.

The most news-catching speech of the three mentioned will probably be the President's State-of-the-Union address, partly because the President delivers it in person and partly because it will contain a general outline of the entire Presidential program for the new Congress.

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PERSONALITY GOVERNMENT

It seems evident that Prime Minister Nehru's recent visit to Washington paid off in several ways for both countries. Nehru evidently was impressed by President Eisenhower, his sincerity and his flexibility. He went so *far as to say so.*

However, one can understand why Nehru thought United States foreign policy was somewhat adrift when one considers the record of the State Department and its policies in the Middle East, and in other places.

It is good for President Eisenhower to be able to impress men such as Mr. Nehru, and other world figures—when he comes in contact with them. However, the solution of the troubles plaguing U. S. foreign policy lies in adopting an aggressive, efficient foreign policy and having an aggressive and efficient group in the State Department carrying it out at all times.

We have the greatest respect for the President, and think he has done much in the field of foreign affairs, though no one man can do a completely satisfactory job for a country such as ours. Where the Administration's foreign policy has fallen down has been in the State Department, where there has been constant vacillating, timidity and downright naivety.

While the President can ameliorate these conditions somewhat by his chats with other world leaders, this is not a substitute for a well-defined foreign policy and a State Department and diplomatic corps strung out all over the world, carrying on effectively. This we do not have.

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AID SPAIN AGAIN?

It has been learned in Washington that Spain has asked the United States for $30,000,000 in additional aid to support her economy, and her defense program. The aid is being asked because a crippling frost hit Spain's citrus and olive crops this year. It is estimated to have cost Spain almost $100,000,000, which amounts to about twenty per cent of her export funds.

If Spain is granted money, it will have to come out of emergency funds set up by Congress which total about $100,000,000 (and from which the President can allot a maximum of $30,000,000 to any one nation.

We are not unsympathetic with the Spanish, or with the fact that a bad frost killed their citrus and olive crops this year. However, a bad freeze ruined many crops in the United States this year, and we wonder if this government can afford to give $30,000,000 to Spain because of a freeze which killed agricultural crops when farmers of the United States are being slowly forced out of business, in many instances, and in many areas.

The squeeze on U. S. farmers is in addition to hardships such as early freezes and i caused by lower prices received by farmers and higher costs of production. In other words, if we are send millions of dollars to the Fascist dictatorship of Spain, which is not an elected government and which is an obvious hangover from the dictator days of the 1930's, how can we turn our eyes away from the U. S. farmer, who is being forced out of business at this very moment beacuse of a tightening economic pinch, one which has been growing worse for five years?

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Not many Americans read books .. there are people who go to sleep when they try to think.

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The number of people in a community is not nearly as important as the type of people in the community.

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The world might be a great deal better if some people were not so anxious to prevent anybody else from succeeding.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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Background Scripture: Matthew 3-4
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 2:1-14

Tempted We Are

Lesson for January 13, 1957

EVERYBODY is a sinner yet not everybody is tempted to the same sins. But being tempted is not a sign of sin. The church believes that the same Jesus who "in every respect has been tempted as we are" (Hebrews 4:15) nevertheless was tempted without sinning. It would be a mistake to suppose that in order to be tempted as we are, Jesus would have to have been tempted to all the sins there are. What this means is simply that the way he was tempted is the way we are tempted.

Dr. Foreman

At Highest Moments

One thing we can learn from Christ's temptations is that it is not possible in this life to be guaranteed freedom for temptation. In the first place, it can be said that only serious-minded high principled people know what real temptation is. Weak, flabby, frivolous persons fell no pull or push; they drop into sin like a stone into water. You can't feel temptation without resisting. Low-minded people do what they feel like doing without thinking. They aren't even aware they have sinned. They are like dirty little boys who can't see the sense in washing — they feel clean enough! It is the cleanly person who is conscious of dirt on his hands or clothes. So only the person with real convictions and ideals can feel the tug of temptation. It is only people with consciences who can be tempted to go against their conscience. Now high-minded people, people who really want to please God, often wish they could reach a stage in life where they wouldn't have to struggle to be good and to do right. But the story of Jesus shows that this is a false hope. Jesus had just been baptized when his great temptations came. If ever there was a consecrated, holy person, conscious of God's approval, it was Jesus at that time. If ever there was a person filled with the Holy Spirit, it was he. Yet Matthew tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted! In life's highest and holiest moments one is tempted to say, Now I am safe. But that may be the very moment the great struggle begins.

Tempted to Do Good

Again, the story of Jesus shows that sin may not always be something evil in itself. The three temptations of Jesus illustrate three levels of temptation, three levels of sin. Falling down and worshiping Satan is obviously the sin of sins. Jumping off a temple roof isn't so much wicked as it is foolish; but playing the fool is still sin. (If the President of the United States rolled his Secretary of State down Pennsylvania Avenue in a wheel-barrel, it might not be wicked, but for him it would be very wrong indeed.) But turning stones into bread —? That would be a helpful thing in a country full of poor people. Nothing was said about Jesus using the bread for himself alone. And if he could turn stones into bread he could turn them into medicine, into meat, mansions . . . Not wicked, not foolish. But still wrong; because Jesus was commissioned to do something more profound, more radical than supplying people with bread. He came to change men from the inside, to feed their souls. So we, like the Master, are sometimes tempted to do what is good, when what is better is possible. "To choose a lesser good," said Prof. W. M. Urban, "in the presence of a greater, is the essence of wrong."

Sword of the Spirit

Another way in which the Christian can learn from Christ's temptations is by observing how he met them. He did not play around with them. He did not say, "Well, there is something in what you say." He did not debate what for him was not debatable. And he met each temptation with a word from God's Word. Each of the quotations he makes, ("It is written") came from the same book of the Old Testament, Deuteronomy. If Jesus could find help, in time of temptation, in his Bible, surely the Christian of today is cutting himself off from a major source of strength if when temptation comes the best he can think of is, "I am sure there is a verse in the Bible about this somewhere, but I can't think what it is." The best way to have the Bible ready for daily help is not to have it on a shelf, but to have it as a treasure in the mind.

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Washington Notes

GRUENTHER

General Alfred M. Gruenther, military colleague of President Eisenhower and former supreme commander of NATO forces in Europe, received an official army farewell in a review held at Fort Myer, Va. Gruenther's retirement became effective on December 31. He will now take over the presidency of the American Red Cross, at a salary af about $32,000 a year.

METEORS

Scientists calculate that meteors, or shooting stars hit the earth's atmosphere 2,300 times a second but only a few of them actually fall to the earth's surface. The scientists said the meteors could be one of the greatest barriers to the promised age of space travel.

INAUGURATION

Up to the first of the year, Washington hotels reported with some surprise - that they still had plenty of rooms available for the Presidential Inauguration to be held on January 21. Demands for rooms to that time were about twenty per cent below those of four years ago, it is reported.

JAPAN

Seventy-two-year-old Tanzan Ishibashi, of the Liberal Democratic party, has been elected Prime Minister of Japan. Ishibashi advocated continued cooperation with the United States, but he is also said to favor increased trade with Communist China.

U. S. AIR FORCE

The United States Air Force is capable of launching a retaliatory striking force "in minimum time" according to Air Chief of Staff General Nathan F. Twining. He disclosed that more than 1,000 B-47 medium bombers flew nonstop missions averaging 8,000 miles during the first two weeks in December.

SOVIET SUBS

Russia now has more than 400 submarines, having built more than 30 last year. This is more than all of the free nations together built. At the beginning of World War II, Russia had fewer than 75 submarines.

NEW DIVISIONS

The Army has announced plans for infantry divisions made up of five combat units and geared to fight atomic, as well an conventional warfare, to replace bulkier, three regiment divisions. Armored divisions also are to be modernized, but the changes in them at this time will be comparatively minor.

NEW MACHINE GUN

The Army has announced a lightweight, 7.62-mm. machine gun, developed to replace all three of the present .30-caliber machine guns. It can be fired from the shoulder, hip, bipod or an aluminum mount.

FARM INCOME

After several years of continued decline, agricultural income showed an upward trend during 1956, with farmers getting a larger share of the national income. Farmers' net profits, according to the Department of Agriculture, rose 4 per cent during the year. Further improvement during 1957 is forecast.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

He that has no fools, knaves or beggars in his family, was begot a flash of lightning.

—Thomas Fuller

There is only one step from fanaticism to barbarianism.

—Denis Diderot

The familiarity of a superior causes bitterness, for it may not be returned.

—F. W. Nietzsche

He who remembers what may can be discontented over what that happens.

—Epictetus.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station at VPI).

Q.- What fertilizer should I use on my pasture?

A.- The analysis and rate of fertilizer will depend on the ratio of grass to legumes, past treatment, and future use. Suggestions for varying situations are given in VPI Agricultural Extension Service Circular 533, "For Top Pastures, Top-dress." Ask your county agent, or write the VPI Extension Service, Blacksburg, for a free copy.

Q.- What is the best solution for use in spraying cattle for lice?

A.- There are several chemicals which can be used effectively. One of the best is lindane, which will usually control the lice in one application. However, do not use lindane on young calves. Rotenone, pyrethrum, and methoxychlor, also are recommended for use on both beef and dairy cattle. On beef cattle only you can also use DDT, TDE, benzene hexachloride, and chlordane.

Q.- Will there be any ill effects from feeding ear corn to pregnant ewes?

A.- A couple of ears per ewe daily is a safe amount to feed. More than this may increase any tendency to udder trouble.

Q.- Shall I raise burley in 1957 of a quality rated tops by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, or of a quality the companies are buying at high prices?

A.- That's a loaded question, and you'll likely not find anyone to answer it right now. Extensive conferences are underway now among tobacco men and government officials, and some well - considered recommendations should be coming along soon.

MOTOR VEHICLES DIVISION NEEDS TO KEEP CURRENT ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES

How many of the more than one million motorists licensed in Virginia have changed their addresses since securing their 1956 license plates?

That's the big question to which the Division of Motor Vehicles would appreciate a prompt answer, as registration cards for the 1957 license year are now being prepared.

In making his annual appeal in this connection, Commissioner C. H. Lamb requests the following information:

New address, title number, make and identification number and name as shown on the old registration card. Send this information to the DMV headquarters at 2220 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Licensees can notify the Division direct or secure change of address blanks from the DMV's 110 license agents and 8 branch offices.

A revision of Russia's new five-year plan has been called for in the Moscow shake-up of its economic planning staff at the direction of the Communist party Central Committee.

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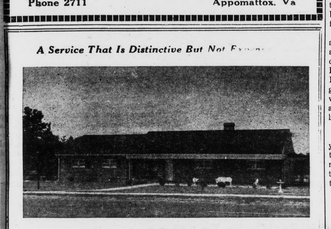

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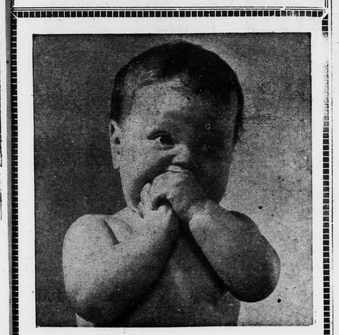

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About The Home

By Frances Dell

Nothing is more "homey" and delightful on a winter evening than a fire in an open fireplace. The know-how of modern brick masons and builders have largely eliminated the mess and bother connected with an open fire.

There are endless kinds of fireplace equipment to add pleasure to fire building. New types of dampers on the market do away with the draft usually associated with a fireplace when it is not in use. Modern fire screens and more efficient fire logs make it much safer to have an open fireplace in your home.

A fireplace, often when not in use, is an attractive addition to any home. During the summer it will look cool and lovely filled with growing house paints or cut greens. It will provide a center of interest for an otherwise dull room.

Large, Early-American type fireplaces are popular for a den or for the kitchen these days. They have a double use, providing a perfect charcoal cooker during the winter months.

A wood fire is by far the most attractive kind of fire to have. Hardwoods make the best firewood because they burn longer and better. It is a good idea to have a sheltered place to keep some logs dry. These dry logs will catch quickly and in turn keep the greesner wood burning.

Slightly green wood burns more slowly and after it catches, will make a fire that lasts a long time.

There are chemical products on the market that can be thrown into the flames to give many different colored lights, to a fire. Pine cones also make an interesting fire pattern.

Mickey Mantle, who swept 1956 American League batting honors while leading the New York Yankees to the world championship, has been named Associated Press Male Athelte of the Year.

LOST 6-FT. SNAKE FOUND

Nice, France.- Lost since August, a 6-foot boa-constrictor ,was found recently warming itself by a boiler in a railroad station cellar. The snake had slipped out of a traveler's suitcase.

ANT TROUBLE REPORTED IN STATE

Ants? Or Termites?

That's a perennial question in homeowners' circles, and it's being asked more often than usual in Virginia these days, reports Dr. J. O. Rowell, entomologist at VPI.

A species of ant, known locally as the citronella ant, is swarming in many areas of Virginia at the present time. And there have been many mis-identifications of the ants as being destructive termites.

Dr. Rowell says it is easy to tell the differnec between true ants and termites. True ants have two pairs of wings. The hind pair is only a little over half as long as the front pair. True termites have two pairs of wings the same length. True ants have constricted body lines — the so-called wasp-like waist; while termites have straight body lines. Futrehrmore, termites don't usually swarm at this season of the year.

Homeowners are invited to forward insect specimens for identification to county agricultural agents, or to the entomology department at VPI, Blacksburg. When positive identifications are made, recommendations for control wil be given.

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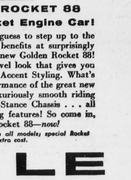

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